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1. Between 29 April and 10 May 1948, the following eastbound transports passed through Zossen on their way to Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin-Kietz:

| Date     | No. of Cars | Description of Transports                   |
|----------|-------------|---|
| 29 April | 22          | Wooden houses                               |
| 2 May    | 28          | Wood for cellulose                          |
| 4 May    | 18          | Heavy moulding-iron for bridge construction |
|          | 32          | Potatoes and grain                          |
| 6 May    | 32          | RR ties and tracks                          |
| 7 May    | 14          | Plaster                                     |
| 8 May    | 12          | Enamelled containers for cellulose factory  |
| 10 May   | 28          | Parts for wooden houses                     |

2. Between 29 April and 12 May 1948, the following additional transports of interest passed through Zossen to points indicated below:

| Date     | No. of Cars | Description of Transports  | Destination  |
|----------|-------------|--|--------------|
| 29 April | 18          | Heavy mortars, dismantled  | Wuensdorf    |
| 30 April | 8           | Powder-mixing machines   | Finsterwalde |
| 4 May    | 26          | Machine-gun battalion, men equipped with arms  | Wuensdorf    |
| 5 May    | 20          | Signal troops  | Wuensdorf    |
|          | 26          | German civilian prisoners, approx. 400   | Finsterwalde |
| 8 May    | 32          | German civilian prisoners  | Aue          |
| 9 May    | 8           | Heavy surface cables   | Wuensdorf    |
| 12 May   | 32          | Engineering troops with equipment and approx. 15 pontoons                                    | Torgau       |
|          | 22          | German civilian internees, approx. 600, and Russian prisoners, approx. 200, from Oranienburg | Aue          |

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Although Russian-licensed newspapers contend that travel to and from the uranium mining area has not been greatly restricted, all traffic is closely checked. Even RR employees are not allowed to move in this area except when on duty or by special permission. Local residents require a special permit from the local SMA officer for travel outside this area.

3. Between 2 and 9 May 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Elsterwerda on their way to the border points Frankfurt/Oder and Forst:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u>                          |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| 2 May       | 26                 | Machines and equipment from the Leuna-werke               |
| 4 May       | 32                 | Automobiles, new  |
|             | 18                 | Motorcycles, new  |
| 6 May       | 18                 | Foreign workers, approx. 400<br>(remained in Elsterwerda) |
| 7 May       | 22                 | Heavy prime-movers, to be used as<br>semi-trailers        |
|             | 14                 | Centrifuges   |
|             | 22                 | 5-ton trucks, new   |
| 9 May       | 9                  | Heavy transformers  |

4. Between 2 and 12 May, two transports with Russian infantry troops passed through Elsterwerda on their way to Podmokly, Czechoslovakia, namely on 5 May one train of 38 cars with approx. 800 men, and on 6 May one train of 30 cars with approx. 600 men.

5. Between 4 and 13 May, the following transports passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Insterburg:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> | <u>Description of Transports</u>                  |
|-------------|--------------------|---|
| 4 May       | 56                 | Barracks parts, made of wood                      |
|             | 56                 | Cement  |
| 5 May       | 54                 | Timber for mines                                  |
|             | 46                 | Pigs  |
| 7 May       | 109                | RR tracks   |
| 8 May       | 43                 | Horses  |
| 9 May       | 58                 | Cement  |
|             | 56                 | Scrap iron  |
| 10 May      | 56                 | Sugar   |
| 11 May      | 45                 | Cattle  |
| 12 May      | 56                 | Hangar parts, made of metal                       |
| 13 May      | 28                 | Officers and dependents, a few EM, and<br>luggage |

During the same period, 22 empty trains, including two fitted out for Red Army officers' use, returned from Russia and passed through Kuestrin-Kietz on their way to Germany.

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